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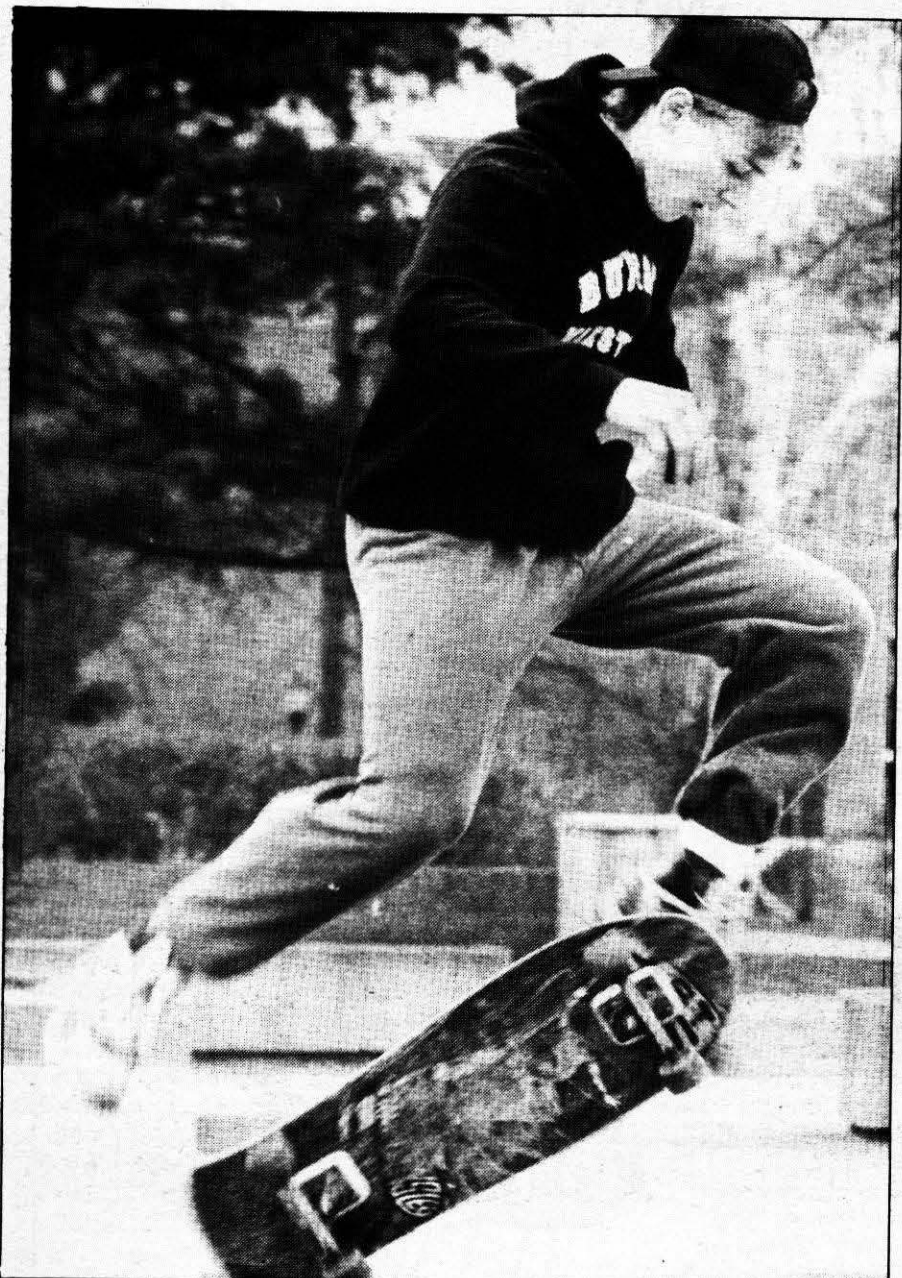


Photo by Chris Hancock

Gleaming the plaza

Rob B. Stapleton, 17, of Ceredo, better watch out for Dead Man's Curb while skateboarding at the Memorial Student Center.

NAACP leader called to rebut libel charge

Carter presented summons for \$425,000 suit

By Michael Corsaro
Reporter

A summons ordering the president of the Huntington Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to answer to charges of libel was served in Memorial Student Center Tuesday.

Cabell County Deputy Bob Craft presented Philip W. Carter with the summons from the acting director of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism, Dwight W. Jensen, for a \$425,000 suit alleging defamatory, libelous and slanderous statements by Carter made at a news conference in Huntington Nov. 18.

In reaction to the suit, Carter said Thursday, "It is the most ludicrous, entertaining, and racist act to date by anyone affiliated with The Parthenon."

Although Jensen is acting director of the School of Journalism, he is not directly affiliated with the publication.

Carter added, "Next time, tell Jensen to bring his fat ass up here and talk to me."

The complaint stated that Carter, a faculty member of Marshall's social work program, spoke at the news conference and said faculty members of the School of Journalism teach racism to their students and train them to be racist in their journalism.

The complaint stated, "The statements by defendant Carter were defamatory to the plaintiff (Jensen) in that, reasonably construed, they accuse the plaintiff of teaching and encouraging racism in the School of Journalism and of conducting the business of the School in such a way that racism is taught and encouraged there."

According to the suit Carter said, "They (the students) do not come here with racial intent; they learn it through their curricu-

"It (the suit) is the most ludicrous, entertaining and racist act to date by anyone affiliated with The Parthenon."

Phil Carter

lum,' or words to that effect."

Jensen said in the suit because he is acting director, he is responsible for supervising the content of the curriculum of the School of Journalism and the professional work of the faculty members and the statements hurt his professional credibility.

The suit also stated, "The accusations by defendant Carter threaten not only the personal and professional reputation of the plaintiff, but also the plaintiff's employment, livelihood, and career."

Jensen, who is representing himself, is demanding trial by jury and \$425,000 for relief of general damages. He also is asking for court costs.

Carter said he had not even thought about whether he would be representing himself or use an attorney.

Jensen said he was not aware that the summons had been served and refused to comment.

The trial date is unknown, according to the Cabell County Clerk's Office.

Carter has accused The Parthenon and the School of Journalism of racism since 1987 when The Parthenon ran a series of articles and editorials that were critical of the social work program. Carter was director of the program at that time.

Apology, repairs could settle bar incident

By Kevin D. Melrose
Reporter

Possible charges against two Marshall football players identified in connection with Saturday's vandalism of Desoto's "are being taken care of," according to bar manager Gary Vance.

See related editorial, Page 3

Vance said the night club's management met with the players and their attorney Wednesday to discuss the students' apologizing and paying for the \$2,500 in damage done to the bar's 1956 Desoto.

Jeff Lambert, head of security at the local nightclub, said the players would have to meet the requests of the management in

exchange for the bar not pressing charges.

"It looks like things will be settled to the specifications of the management," Vance said. "The negotiations are being taken care of."

Vance said the players have an attorney who is speaking with them and giving them advice concerning the incident.

He said he did not know where the students would get the \$2,500. "It's really none of my business," Vance said. "I guess they'll work or whatever they normally do to make money."

Vance said no time limit has been set for the settlement, but they still are speaking with Desoto's company attorney.

According to Vance, the two players were among approximately 25 men who entered Desoto's with aluminum bats and sticks

about 4 a.m. Saturday.

Employees prevented access to the rest of the bar located at the Pea Ridge Mall off U.S. 60, Vance said.

The vandalism was apparently a reaction to an incident occurring around 3 a.m., when three men were removed from the bar after they became verbally abusive.

Vance said the Athletic Department did not pressure the management not to press charges.

Lee Moon was unavailable for comment.

Wednesday, an assistant coach said he could not comment on the situation and referred all questions to Sports Information Director Gary Richter, who also declined to comment. Associate Athletic Director Jack Daniels also said he had not been informed about the incident

Red Cross drive surpasses goal

By Angela Pierro
Reporter

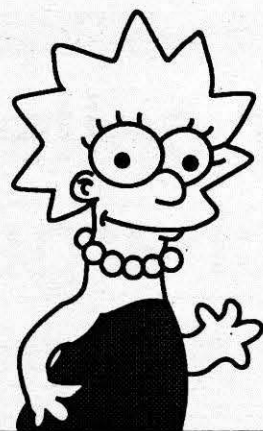
A two-day Red Cross blood drive produced almost twice as many successful donations as a similar drive last fall.

Volunteers accepted donations of blood in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center Wednesday and Thursday.

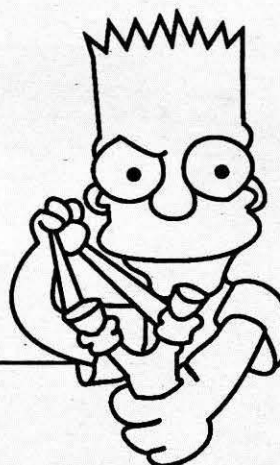
Sandra Lewis, director of volunteer services said the official number of donations was 116 for Wednesday and 95 on Thursday for a total of 211, compared to 132 in November. The goal was 125.

Donors registered for two tickets to see Paul McCartney, and WKEE will announce the winner today.

Impressions



THE SIMPSONS



Primetime 'toon strikes collegiate funny bones

By Kevin D. Melrose
Reporter

They're not the ideal American family. They argue, they're rude, they're crude, they curse, they hate each other.

They're the Simpsons.

The first primetime cartoon since "The Flintstones" and "Jetsons" of the '60s, "The Simpsons" got its start on the Emmy Award-winning "The Tracey Ullman Show," and airs Sundays at 8:30 p.m. on WVAH Fox 11.

Creator Matt Groening describes his animated family as "Loveable — in a mutant sort of way. They're a hallucination of a sitcom."

Residents of Springfield, the Simpsons live from payday to payday, with father Homer working as a safety inspector at a nuclear power plant. He brings home the radioactive bacon.

Marge, the loving mother with the towering blue beehive hair, keeps peace in the family while also working nights as a roller-skating waitress at a drive-in restaurant to make financial ends meet.

Their only son, Bart (an anagram for Brat), is the community hellion always in some kind of trouble with his parents, elementary school principal or the Springfield Police Department.

Lisa, the oldest daughter, is the most intelligent Simpson and a talented saxophone player. The only thing is nobody seems to notice or care.

Baby Maggie just sits there, sucking her pacifier and minding her business — seemingly in a world all her own.

Although many animated series are aimed toward a younger audience, "The Simpsons" has struck the funny bone of college students.

The show's element of reality attracts some viewers.

"They take things that happen in real life and make them funny," Tanisha V. Brown, Portsmouth, Ohio, freshman, said. "Like laughing in church — that really happens."

Others see some of themselves in the characters.

"Bart is my favorite," Kelly Castleberry, Charleston senior,

said. "He reminds me of myself when I was a kid."

Although "The Simpsons" started on "The Tracey Ullman Show," the family's first sparks of life occurred many years before its debut.

Groening was first published in Jack and Jill magazine in 1962, an event that would later lead to his popular "Life in Hell" series currently appearing in more than 100 newspapers throughout the United States and Canada.

Groening is married to Deborah Caplan, who acts as his business manager. They had their first child March 23, 1989. They named him Homer.

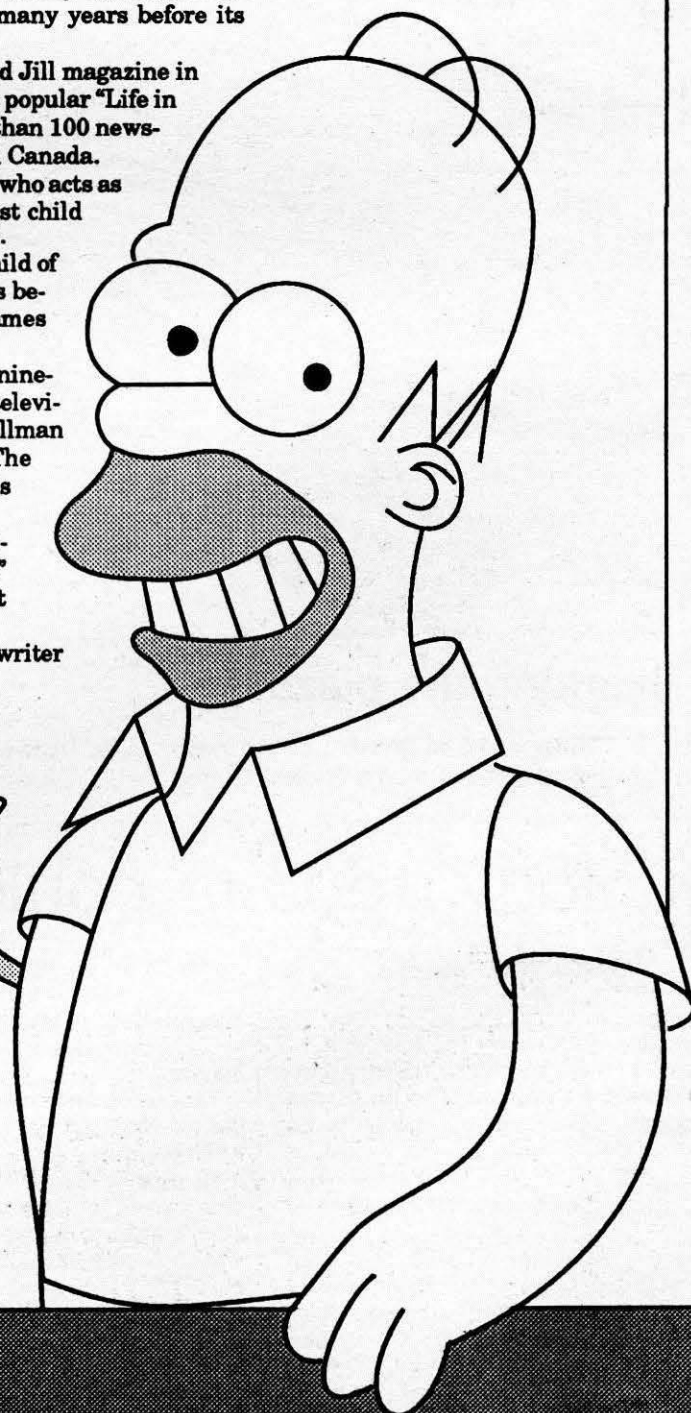
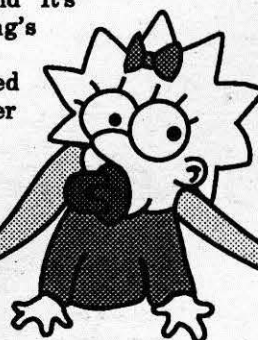
Although "The Simpsons" is the brainchild of Groening, there are other creative talents behind the show like executive producers James L. Brooks and Sam Simon.

Brooks, three-time Academy Award and nine-time Emmy Award winner, returned to television in 1987 to produce "The Tracey Ullman Show," and last January brought "The Simpsons" to primetime with the help of his production company, Gracie Films.

Brooks television and movie credits include "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Taxi," "Lou Grant," "Starting Over," "Broadcast News" and "The War of the Roses."

Simon is the Emmy Award-winning writer and producer of "Taxi," "The Tracey Ullman Show" and "It's Garry Shandling's Show."

Simon is married to actress Jennifer Tilly.



Opinion

Editorial

'No comment' means players get victimized

We've had complaints about our coverage of the Saturday morning incident in Desoto's, which apparently involved two Marshall football players.

The complaints have dealt with how one-sided our coverage is and how we aren't getting the football players's side of the story. We agree it is one-sided, but we also maintain that it isn't our fault.

See related story, Page 1

If you read the story in yesterday's Parthenon, you might have noticed something: Not one person in the Athletic Department would comment on the incident. On the other hand, the DeSoto's people were ready and willing to comment. Result: one-sided story.

This is nothing unusual. Any time an incident involving an athlete occurs, everyone in the Athletic Department immediately shuts up. Who does this hurt? It hurts the athletes. If the information isn't released, the reader assumes the players are guilty and the Athletic Department is hiding something. Athletes deserve innocence until proven guilty the same as everyone else. So if they weren't involved, tell us or there always will be one-sided stories.

If they were involved, tell us then also. The courts will decide their guilt or innocence. The Parthenon isn't out to get any one. We just want to print the news, and when an athlete is in trouble, it is news, like it or not.

The Parthenon wouldn't be doing its job if it ignored such things.

The Parthenon

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Saving mother Earth

We should not accept doom

After a Greenpeace spokesman addressed an audience here last semester, he asked the audience if there were any questions. There were.

One student asked a question that started heads nodding in affirmation. It seemed as though she were asking on behalf of most students there.

"You've told us about all of these horrible environmental problems," she said. "But what can we do as individuals? Is there anything we can do to change any of this? Is there hope?"

The Greenpeace guy made a noble effort at answering these questions, but he missed the mark. He suggested joining national organizations like Greenpeace, but there was much left unsaid.

I would answer by saying there is hope. Refuse to accept doom. Since Homo Erectus left Africa, almost every generation has faced the fear of extinction or global crisis. What can an individual do to make a difference and be a kinder, gentler earthling? Let me count but a few of the ways.

- Recycle aluminum, glass, plastic and paper. The City of Huntington will soon initiate a recycling program. They want to pick up your recyclable waste. Sign up for the service by calling City Hall at 696-5540.

- Opt out of the rampant consumer race. It's so easy to get caught up in the spend-waste cycle. Americans are born to shop.

- When you go Krogering, don't accept a bag for something you can easily carry out. Please don't accept plastic bags. Plastic is forever. Bring your own bag when you go to the store.

- Avoid buying products in plastic containers. Use returnable glass bottles, not the two-liter plastic jugs.

- When you buy clothes detergent, read the box. If it doesn't say "biodegradable," or "no phosphates," don't buy it.

Gregory Leaming
GUEST COMMENTARY

- Read the paper. Read news magazines. Try to get familiar with environmental issues.

- Let your elected representatives know that you care. A delegate from Wayne County told me he didn't know how to vote on environmental issues last year because he didn't receive a single letter on the subject.

- Don't use Styrofoam. It can't be recycled and it releases substances which have been shown to damage the ozone layer. When in the student center, use the glasses or ceramic cups. Boycott the student groups that sell coffee in styrofoam cups. Bring your own cup or thermos.

These are but a few things individuals can do to make a difference. Besides voting or corresponding with your elected representatives, don't depend on government.

Some environmental groups are convinced that it is up to big government to make the earth a better place to live. Governments are incapable of such tasks. Leftists and reactionaries frequently ask for the big hand of government to address the ills that beset our nation.

Be very skeptical of statist solutions to environmental problems. In the short-term, such solutions may appear attractive. In the long-term, liberty is exchanged for a false sense of security. Look beyond the surface of government solutions. Question authority.

We must look to individuals to effect change. If we decrease our demand for plastics, less of it will be manufactured. If enough of us make fundamental changes in the way we live, the marketplace will respond.

Reader's Voice

Injustices cause abortions

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Shirie Westfall's letter in the Jan. 23 issue of *The Parthenon*, and to all pro-life rhetoric. If you want to stop abortion, why not work to attack the social injustices that compel women to have them? Injustices such as lower salaries for women; single women with children is one of the fastest growing poverty groups in our nation, the lack of affordable, quality daycare, insufficient or no maternity leave from work or school, the lack of sex education in the home and in the schools, the fact that minority children have a slim chance of being adopted while most unwanted children end up impoverished, abused

or neglected, and the social stigma attached to unwed mothers which, before Roe V. Wade, caused many women, particularly the young, to kill themselves or go to "back alley butchers" before going through with a pregnancy.

Undoubtedly, there are many more problems. The point is, why fight the women who are already going through a very painful and desperate situation? If together we could eliminate these injustices and make this a pro-woman society, the abortion rate is bound to decrease dramatically. Women and their babies would have a much brighter future.

Abbie Shrewsbury
Huntington senior

Nitzschke thanks MU for donations to United Way fund

To the Editor:

The students, faculty, and staff have done an outstanding job on behalf of the River Cities' United Way campaign, contributing a record amount of money and exceeding our Marshall campaign goal of \$45,000.

I am proud of our effort and very pleased with this excellent demonstration of Marshall University's concern for our community's needs. I want to take this opportunity to express my genuine gratitude to all who participated in the campaign.

To each and every one, let me say, thank you — very much!

Dale F. Nitzschke
President

Letters policy: The Parthenon welcomes letters concerning the Marshall University community.

All letters to the editor must be signed and include the address and telephone number of the author.

Letters should be typewritten and no longer than 200 words. The Parthenon reserves the right to edit letters.

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Debate team prepares for state championship

By Marcya Cain
Staff Writer

Marshall University's forensics team will attend a tournament at Georgetown College in Kentucky this weekend.

The team attended a tournament at Otterbein University in Kentucky last week and placed second behind Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. The team of Joyce Merritt, Parkersburg junior, and Maribeth Brooks, Huntington sophomore, debated the topic of how foreign investment in the United States is detrimental to the country.

The individual events team is planning to attend two tournaments in February and one in March before the state championship March 8-11.

For the last two years, Marshall's team has placed first in the state against teams from West Virginia University, West Virginia Wesleyan and Fairmont State. Jeri North, the team's coach, is looking forward to being first for another year.

From May 3-6 the team will attend the

Interstate National's in Stout, Wis. The competition is the oldest of its kind in the country. Teams that rank first and second from all 50 states compete to find their national ranking. Marshall's current ranking is 12.

There are two categories of people on the Forensics team—novice and varsity. The novices are the freshman who have had no high school or college debate experience. The varsity consists of the experienced speakers.

The strategy, Merritt said, is to "anticipate every negative" that one's opponent could counter the argument with and then present the topic from those angles. She said using that strategy will reduce the chance of that awkward moment when there is nothing that he or she can counter the opponent with.

"That is everyone's biggest fear, going up and not having a clue," Merritt said.

"I spend one to two hours every day of the week in the library researching for a debate," Merritt said. "It takes a lot of time out of my regular studies."

Close businesses hit hardest when students head for home

By Dana Tomes
Reporter

Area business owners say Marshall students are the major force that keep their businesses operating, and when classes aren't in session it means troubled times.

While most business owners in the immediate area agree "Marshall is Huntington's biggest business," those businesses closest to the campus are hardest hit when classes close for summer and Christmas vacations.

"We probably have about twice the amount of business when school is in," said Travis McTheny, manager of 7-Eleven across from Twin Towers at 19th Street and Fifth Avenue.

McTheny's business, which sells gasoline along with convenience and snack items, does alright business when students aren't in town, but even better business when classes are in session.

"Most of our customers are walkers," McTheny said, referring to the high percentage of his customers who walk to the convenience store from their nearby apartment or dorm.

Another business located near the Marshall campus is so dependant on the school's students, it gears much of its mer-

chandise to suit their needs.

Tom Fankhauser, textbook manager at Stationers Inc. at 1945 Fifth Ave., said Stationers sells what the students want to buy.

"We sell textbooks, office and school supplies, gifts and Marshall clothing," Fankhauser said, referring to how the business caters to the students' needs.

Also, Stationers is the closest Hallmark card store to Marshall, which enables students to purchase holiday cards and gifts close to the campus.

The increased business during school months make up for those "slow" months when students are out of school, Fankhauser said. "Things are definitely a lot slower in the summer."

Jim Dinwiddie, part-owner of Jimbo's Carry Out & Drive Thru at 1301 Third Ave., said his business also is helped greatly by Marshall students, and the Christmas holiday is his worst time of year.

"When Marshall students are gone we miss them," Dinwiddie said. "The Marshall crowd is most evident on weekends when we sell a lot of kegs and pop for weekend parties."

Dinwiddie said the summer months are pretty good ones for the business due to warm weather.

Gym-clearing conflict winds down

Baseball coach Howard McCann did the necessary paperwork to reserve a gym for his baseball clinics Wednesday after an incident Tuesday with Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

The incident concerned reserving the Gullickson auxiliary gym.

Linda S. Bowen, assistant director of auxiliary services, said McCann came to her office Wednesday and apologized for the misunderstanding. He also did the paperwork, including reservations and insurance, to rent the gym.

"It's all been taken care of," Bowen said.

Tuesday night, Sgt. J.R. Wilson of the Marshall University Police Department went to Gullickson auxiliary gym and filed a report after the Pikes entered the gym at 8 p.m. and found McCann conducting a little league baseball clinic.

Greg Arthur, Pi Kappa Phi chapter president, had rented the gym for his fraternity's use every Tuesday night from 8-10 p.m. earlier in the week.

Bowen said McCann's request has not been approved yet. It has to pass through the Office of Intramurals to ensure it doesn't conflict with scheduled events.

FBI move would mean more jobs, official says

By Dana Tomes
Reporter

The possible move of a 2,000-person FBI Identification Division to Huntington means good news for Marshall, university officials said.

William P. "Bill" Burdette, special projects coordinator for the university president, said the possible relocation of a FBI ID unit to the city could mean more students for the university and more job opportunities for Marshall graduates.

"President (Dale) Nitzschke has been working closely with the Huntington Chamber (of Commerce) on the possibility of Marshall influencing the moving of the FBI unit to Huntington," Burdette said.

Last month Huntington Mayor Bobby Nelson said one of the pluses Huntington has in attracting the Federal Bureau of Investigation's ID Division is a facility offering higher education.

"If they would consider Huntington, then Marshall has to be considered a plus," Burdette said. "If the division would move here it would be a major shot in the arm for Marshall."

Burdette said Marshall could also serve as a plus for the FBI by offering computer training for its employees that relocate and higher education in several related fields.

"The FBI could definitely strengthen Marshall's stronghold on higher education," Burdette said.

Last month Sen. Robert Byrd announced that the Senate Appropriations Committee he heads had allotted money for the FBI to search for an area suitable for relocation of the ID division.

FBI search teams visited several mid-Atlantic cities, including eight in West Virginia, in search of a possible city to relocate the division to avoid the high employee turnover. This is due to higher costs of living in Washington.

Last week, Nelson was in Washington, for the U.S. Conference of Mayors and spoke with Byrd about the possible relocation of the facility to Huntington.

"Byrd told me that the division is coming

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William P. "Bill" Burdette

to a West Virginia city," Nelson said via telephone from Washington last week.

Officials from Byrd's office would not confirm Nelson's statement saying "the FBI is still undecided on a location."

A spokesman for the FBI in Washington said last week that he was aware that West Virginia was under consideration but he was unaware if any other states had been considered.

"All I have heard at this point is that West Virginia is a possibility," FBI spokesman Gregory Jones said. "I don't know anything about any other states."

Local and state officials don't know when to expect a decision from the FBI concerning its possible move, but Nelson said federal officials are definitely going to relocate.

The 2,000 workers employed at the Identification Division in Washington and surrounding areas earn between \$16,000 and \$20,000 per year.

Because of the high cost of living in the D.C. area, Nelson said the FBI is looking to relocate to a mid-Atlantic state that offers a lower cost of living.

High priorities for the FBI's relocation besides higher education opportunities include a major airport and accessible land, Nelson said.

Other cities being considered within the state are Wheeling, Morgantown, Martinsburg, Beckley, Charleston, Clarksburg and Parkersburg.

Student Center cashes in as students take time-out

By Chris Ann Stoutamyer
Reporter

While students enjoy bowling, pool and video games, the Memorial Student Center enjoys the profits.

The student center makes about \$50,000 a year from the game room in the basement, said Bernie Elliot, recreation supervisor for the Memorial Student Center.

Profits from the game room have increased dramatically in the last five years due to the increase in enrollment, he said.

Video games, pool tables and a bowling alley were a part of the student center's original design and have been in the basement since the center was completed in 1971, he said. Two billiard tables, part of the original design, were recently replaced with more popular games.

Pool is the most popular game right now, and it probably will be for the next 10 years, Elliot said. He has noticed an increase in

the number of women who play pool. He estimated that for every 30 men in the game room there are about 18 women. "Some girls just come to see the guys," Elliot said.

The bowling lanes are used mostly in the evenings and on weekends. "Bowling has never been a day sport." The lanes will not be upgraded anytime soon because it would cost more than \$200,000, he said.

In the last five years, two pool tables, a foosball table and a shuffleboard table have been added to the game area, Elliot said. Snooker, table tennis and tanning beds also are located in the basement.

Between 300 and 400 students use the facilities daily, Elliot said. "Some kids are down here three or four times a day." Most students come in to relax between classes, he said.

Elliot said there is not much vandalism. The only damage to equipment is the wear and tear on pool tables from the amount of use they get.

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Sports

NCAA to decide fate of basketball program

By Chris Dickerson
Athletic Correspondent

Athletic Department, Southern Conference and university officials will meet Sunday with an NCAA infractions committee to discuss allegations concerning the men's basketball program, but the results won't be known for a few weeks.

A report submitted last May to the NCAA by the university listed 10 possible rule violations, including five concerning free housing in private homes, a player failing to repay a \$2,000 loan and players receiving jewelry, clothing and cash.

The in-house investigation led to the resignation last April of former coach Rick Huckabay just one week after the university announced it was investigating the program. He was replaced by coach Dana Altman.

Marshall meets with the Committee on

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Infractions at 8 a.m. Sunday in Coronado, Calif., after the committee meets with two other schools, one each on Friday and Saturday.

The university will be represented at the meeting by President Dale F. Nitzschke, Athletic Director Lee Moon, Marshall's NCAA Faculty Representative Dorothy E. Hicks, University Attorney William Beatty and Southern Conference Director of

Compliance Wright Waters.

Hicks said the decision of the committee depends on the meeting. "We have even questioned the enforcement staff at NCAA headquarters," she said. "They can never predict what the infraction committee will decide."

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Neither Hicks nor Nitzschke had any idea as to what the findings would be, but Nitzschke said, "We've just done the very best job we could do in working with the NCAA."

Hicks said the results of the meeting will take a few weeks. "We will not know anything when we leave the meeting Sunday," she said. "It will be at least two weeks and probably even three weeks before we receive word."

She said possible rulings the committee could make are probation and other sanctions. "Probation could be a one- or two-year watch and the submission of material to show compliance with NCAA legislation," Hicks said.

The sanctions could include cutting the number of recruiting visits, scholarships, post-season appearances, television appearances and money from television appearances, Hicks said.

Men's, lady's teams face weekend conference games

Herd battles VMI; Altman certain of team rebound

By Ric A. Massie
Reporter

Players and coaches feel confident going into the Southern Conference match up against Virginia Military Institute Saturday in Lexington.

"The team has picked itself up after other disappointing losses this season and we feel confident we'll be able to do it again," head coach Dana Altman said, referring to the 99-88 loss Monday to East Tennessee State University.

Although VMI defeated ETSU and Appalachian State University earlier in the season, Marshall does not feel intimidated, Altman said.

Marshall defeated VMI 72-68 in their first meeting this season. Top scorers for the Keydets were the Williams twins, Ramon and Damon, 20 points and 19 points respectively.

VMI has a very good team with great shooters, said Omar Roland, Herd senior center from Detroit. "Good defense will be the key to a Herd victory," the Detroit, Mich. senior added. "The twins are real good players."

Guarding the Williams twins might be more difficult than anticipated for the Herd. The twins recently became the second most productive twins combination in National Collegiate Athletic Association history.

Seniors Damon and Ramon have combined for 2,838 points so far. They recently passed Tom and Dick van Arsdale, who played at the University of Indiana (1963-65) and combined for 2,492 points.

"The game against VMI is as important as any other conference game," Altman said. "It is a two-team race for the confer-

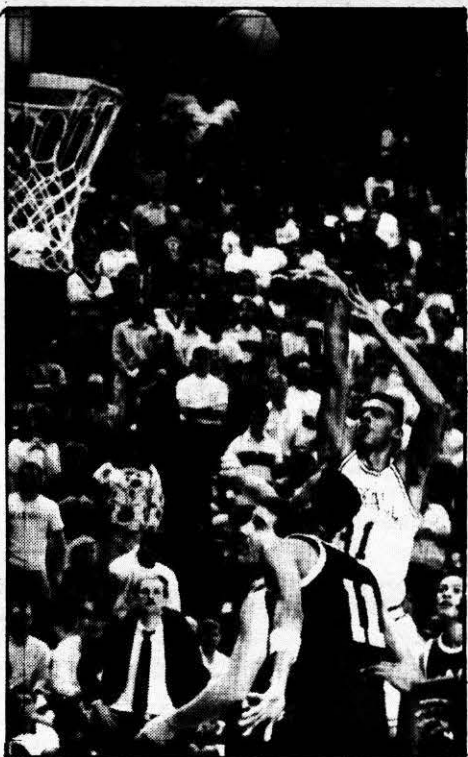


Photo by John Baldwin

Starting center Omar Roland shoots while being heavily defended during a recent game. The team is in second place in the Southern Conference race. The Herd begins a three-game road trip Saturday at VMI.

ence championship and every game counts." The game against VMI is the first of three consecutive away games.

"We've played well on the road so far and we expect to play well again," Altman said. "We need these victories."

The Thundering Herd and ETSU are battling for the top spot in the conference and neither team can afford to lose, according to Altman.

WSAZ-TV will televise the VMI game at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Lady Herd tries to avenge loss against Mocs

By Clark Haptonstall
Reporter

Hampered by troubles all season, the Lady Herd basketball team will play the Lady Mocs of Tennessee-Chattanooga at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Henderson Center to attempt to avenge a loss earlier this season.

Although the Lady Herd basketball team has won the Southern Conference regular season the last five years, Coach Judy Southard said this season the team has had its problems. She said the Lady Herd, 6-12 overall and 1-4 in the conference, has been plagued by player shortage, height disadvantages and a death in her family.

Southard missed five games due to the death of her father. The team has had some difficulty with the absence of the coach, but Southard said she thinks the team is settling down. "All of the adversity is now aside," she said. "We should be on track now."

She said rebounding has been a problem all season. The Lady Herd has been unable to develop a post player who can rebound with opposing centers.

Marshall has had to use 5-foot-8 junior forward Sheila Johnson to match up with six-foot centers. Johnson is averaging 9.2 rebounds per game, good for second in the conference, and 17.4 points per game, third in the conference.

Southard said using Johnson at center has hurt the Lady Herd because she is at her best running the floor matched against other forwards.

Sophomore center Heather Brown has shown flashes of brilliance a couple times this season, but Southard said Brown is

Upcoming Games

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Feb 3	UTC	Home	3:00
Feb. 7	Morehead	Away	7:30
Feb. 10	Shawnee	Home	3:00
Feb. 14	EKU	Away	7:30

unable to play the full, fast-paced game installed this season.

Southard said the loss of freshman center Shelley Quinn has hurt the team from the start. The 6-foot-1 defensive specialist suffered a leg stress fracture at the start of the season and has been placed on the red-shirt list, allowing her to keep four years of eligibility.

In an earlier match-up this season in Chattanooga, the Lady Mocs won 88-63. It was the first of two games the Lady Herd played with only six players after four were suspended for violating team rules.

In the previous meeting, Johnson led the Lady Herd with 23 points and 13 rebounds. Coach Craig Parrott's Lady Mocs were led by 5-foot-10 freshman forward Kim Brown with 22 points and junior forward Janet Stallings with 11 rebounds.

"We played the first 20 minutes trying to conserve our energy," Southard said of the Jan. 13 contest. "We played too cautious and that is how they got the big lead."

Southard said she thinks the Lady Herd can play with the Lady Mocs, 10-9 overall and 3-2 in the conference. "I am very confident that we can play with them. With five people coming off the bench instead of one, we can win it."

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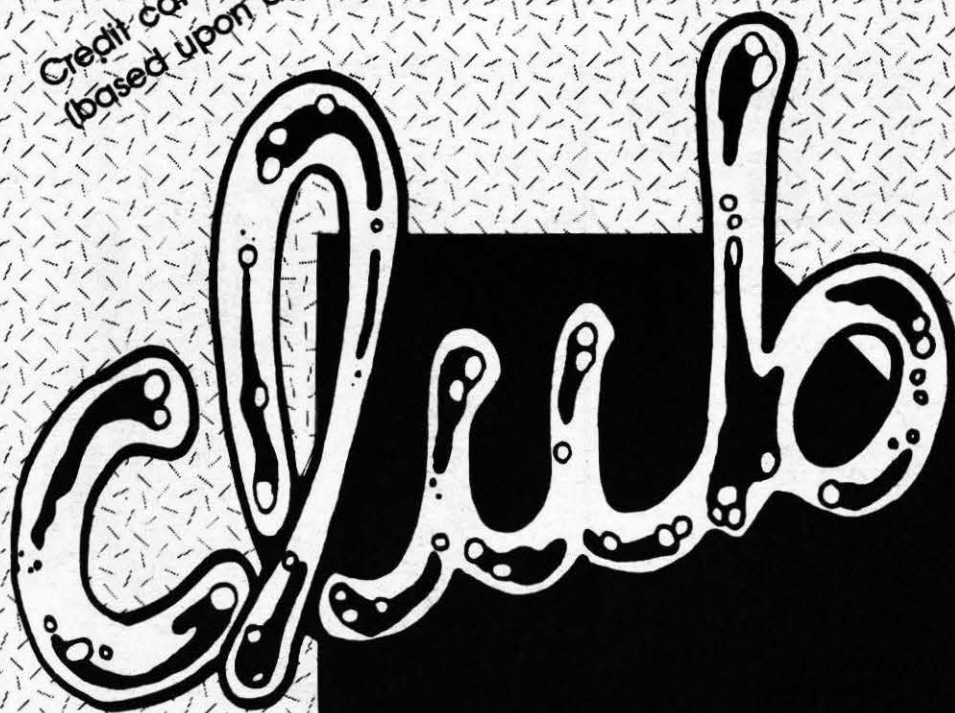
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